

The Brethren at Pleasant Hill, have arranged to have Bro. E. Mason preach for them once a month. May good be done.

We have been very calm during the fall and winter, but now we offer our brethren and sisters an excellent opportunity to do a valuable work for the church by distributing tracts, the annual, and our paper without expense. Many will take the paper and pay seventy-five cents for if they are asked. We shall be glad to hear many favorable responses.

The sisters still continue to send in a few dollars for the College. Every dollar counts one towards getting the debt out of the way.

Bro. J. D. McFadden is now at work on a sermon or tract on baptism, which will be published in a short time.

He has made a thorough study of this subject, and as he has been led to this belief by investigation of the truth and conviction of conscience, we feel sure that it will be a production of merit.

Bro. Holsinger returned from Buckeye City, Ohio, last week and spent a short time in this place. On Saturday morning he went to West Salem to conduct a funeral service, and his plan was to continue his journey to Myrersdale, Penn., where he will work in the interests of the College. Unless some other one is secured, he will return, after visiting two or three other churches in that part of Pennsylvania, and preach the annual College sermon; and if he does not, he will publish a program of his work in a week or two.

The EVANGELIST from now to Jan. 1st 1887, for 75 cents. See special offer.

A few more articles of correspondence would have worked in well this week. The paper seems to be too large in the summer, and we are obliged to use the scissors when we are taken suddenly by a dry time for copy.

The Annual Sermon, at the College, will be preached next Lord's day afternoon at 3 o'clock. Bro. H. R. Holsinger is expected to preach. The closing exercises of the school year will follow, and then the College family will separate. The students at the Boarding Hall have become much attached to one another and their genial host and hostess, and this will not be pleasant that must follow. Bro. and Sister Perry have preformed their part in that capacity in a very commendable manner.

We will all rejoice with Bro. Beer over the news that he sends from California. The Lord has not forsaken the faithful there. Where seed is sown a harvest will be sooner or later.

Brethren from Virginia report good news. The good work still goes on, and the Lord is bringing home the lost.

A correspondence from Pennsylvania tells us of another church house that is to be built. The Brethren church is doing well in this line.

The Annual Election of Trustees for Ashland College will take place on Friday May 21st. 1886. All who can not be present, may vote by proxy.

We are glad to have brother J. P. Wolf, of Lathrop, Cal., writes so encouragingly of the work at Altamont. We hope, too, the Lord will bless.

I expect to visit Norton Co., Kansas, sometime in June. If brethren at other points along my route wish my services during that trip, please correspond with me soon.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

I will spend my summer vacation (from June 10 to Sept. 1,) among the churches of the brotherhood, either in teaching singing classes, or assisting some evangelist in holding meeting. Those desiring my service should write to me at once.

J. C. EWING.

South Bend, Ind.

DEAR BROTHER:—We delight to read that sinners are becoming aroused and are pressing into the kingdom of Christ. May you go on in the good work you have espoused, wielding the sword of the spirit, cutting right and left that the children of the church of Christ may become better, that sinners may take warning and cry out like the jailor of old: "What must I do to be saved," so that when we are gathered unto that great judgment day, we may find our names deeply written in the records of His Son.

With prayers for the Brethren church, and the hope of a common heritage in heaven above, where God shall wipe all tears from our eyes and no heart shall be left unsatisfied, let us seek the abode of love.

SAMUEL MILLER.

DEAR BRO.:—The long season, of spiritual drought which has visited our sunny land has changed to at least, a temporary awakening, beginning among the beautiful coast range hills of Altamont. At that place there has lived a few faithful ones, cared for, and ministered to, by our earnest, and loved Bro. Doty. They have been working, trusting and praying, for the divine showers of grace, the Lord has answered their prayers by converting some of their children, friends and neighbors. How we do rejoice with our brothers and sisters in Altamont, and how glad we feel that those converts have set the noble example of giving their hearts and service to the Lord while young, before the "evil days come."

As Bro. Beer will no doubt give your readers a full account of the good and happy meeting just held, I will only express the hope that this may only be the beginning of a new era of church work here among us, and that our members everywhere may catch the inspiration, and be blessed themselves by seeing others made happy and becoming converted to the truth. Fraternaly,

J. P. WOLF.

Lathrop, Cal.

West Independence, Ohio.

May 6th.—I was with the Brethren near Bellefontain, Logan Co., over last Sabbath. Had good attendance, good order and attention for which we feel thankful. Our few Brethren there are spiritually alive and striving to do their duty.

Saturday I expect to go to Wood Co., to preach for the brethren there over Sunday. We have a little band of Breth-

ren there that have been without a preacher for several years. They have asked me to visit and preach for them occasionally, which I shall try to do. Hope they may be strengthened and their number increased.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

What the Sisters Can Do.

I have been a constant reader of the EVANGELIST for the last three years, and have watched with interest the progress of the College debt, and have greatly lamented our inability to do anything to help. But since the sisters have started their one dollar donation, I think it is in the power of nearly every sister to send that mite. I hope, as the good cause has been started that every sister in Virginia will make the attempt to spare that much for the cause of Christ. I consider what we do for the building up of the church is working for the Lord. How sad, when we are called from the world, to know that we did not do for the cause of Christ what we might have done. But I will do what I can for the present, by enclosing \$1. Sister Kate and Maggie Rippeto, will also enclose one dollar each for the College debt. Your sister in Christ.

MRS. SUE C. RIPPETO.

Scotts Ford, Va.

Religious Intelligence.

The Swedenborgians believe in the press. In the last few years they have given to clergymen 37,585 volumes of two of their publications, and have sold and distributed 39,793 pocket editions, and 1,250,000 tracts. They are wise in their generation.

Nobles, commoners and priests in Japan are all diligently studying the doctrines of Christianity. This interest is felt all over Japan. The 93 Christian churches in Japan, with their 7,000 members, 109 Sunday-schools and the 500,000 copies of the Scriptures, and 2,000,000 Christian books and tracts in circulation, must tell in time. More than any Eastern people the Japanese turn toward the light and greet the rising sun.

Prohibition in Kansas.

The attorney-general of Kansas, Hon. S. B. Bradford, in a late letter to Governor Martin concerning the enforcement of the prohibitory law the past year says, "From all the information I have been able to obtain, it appears to me that the prohibitory law is no longer an experiment, but, on the contrary, is being enforced as successfully as the law against horse-stealing, murder, arson, or other crimes known to our statute."

Every noble crown is, and on earth will forever be, a crown of thorns.

We had better appear what we are than affect to appear what we are not.

The bread of life is love: the salt of life work; the sweetness of life, poesy.

A wise man will neither speak nor do whatever anger would provoke him to.

Philosophy is a good horse in the stable; but an arrant jade on a journey.

Nurture your mind with great thoughts; to believe in the heroic makes heroes.

Tell Your Pastor.

Tell your pastor when his services have been a blessing to you. His words may have convicted you of sin, warned you of some lurking danger, guided you in perplexity, comforted you in sorrow, elevated your groveling desires, and brought the very life of God to your soul. Whatever good his words may have conferred upon you, make it known to your pastor. The knowledge will comfort and encourage him. He has many discouragements in his work. Among these is the reticence of his people respecting their appreciation of his services, or of the blessings which, in whatever form, may have come through his words to their souls. There is no danger of pride being engendered in his heart by your cheering words, as it is sometimes imagined might be the case by superficial thinkers. Gratitude, praise, joy are more likely to fill his heart and burst from his lips. Besides, you owe it to your pastor to tell him how you have been benefited by and through him. It is part of the reward allowed him by God for his work. It is only following in the footsteps of the good in all ages, and the example is given by God himself, who will say to each faithful servant, "Well done." Do not let your pastor, then, be discouraged through your failure to inform him of his agency in your spiritual good. Tell your pastor.—*Pulpit Treasury*.

Blood-Money.

Because the people of Iowa said that liquor should not be sold in their state, men in Chicago sit on three-legged stools and write that those people are going back to barbarism. Are the liquor-sellers to be given full control? I say, No. It is time to serve notice on them that they have got to go. Talk about license! Every dollar obtained from license is blood-money, and every dollar that you receive from this source pays for the murder of the protectors of your orphans and paupers.—*Sam Small*.

Christian Endurance.

But there is no greater strength ever manifested on earth than that of quiet endurance. I have known, and so have you, those on whom for years there has not risen a single unclouded day; those, too, who knew all the gladness of life, but for whom the sun was darkened long before it had climbed to its meridian height; those whose bereavments have involved the loss of everything that seemed to make life precious: those who have been rendered permanently helpless by chronic disease, and can never hope for a painless waking hour or a night of restful sleep; those whose penury has been absolute and entire, with no prospect of relief. Among these have been the bravest, strongest souls that I have ever known; and it has seemed to me that no emergency of outward action, not even the foremost of the sacramental host, in waging the great conflicts in behalf of the truth and the right, has equaled theirs, which could endure without murmuring, and could render constant thanks to God for the heavenly manna which has fed them, for the living waters of which they have drunk deep draughts, for the hope, full

of immortality, which has never for a moment forsaken them.—*A. P. Peabody, D. D.*

The Oldest Libraries.

The three oldest consulting libraries in the United States are those of Harvard, Yale and the New York Society. Harvard College began its career with a library which was a part of the bequest from John Harvard, but in 1764 a fire totally destroyed its accumulations of 126 years. Yale College began its collection in 1700, and was aided thirty-three years later by the bequest of Bishop Berkeley; yet in 1734 it amounted to only 4,000 volumes. The New York Society's library, now containing 80,000 volumes, was founded in 1007, but did not take this name until 1754. The fourth oldest library is at Philadelphia founded by Benjamin Franklin and his friends in 1731. This library has now over 130,000 volumes, and in some respects is unsurpassed by any other collection of books in the country. Its income is about \$26,000 a year, of which a third only is available for the purchase of new books, yet it attempts, with much success, to do the same kind of public service that is accomplished by the Boston Public Library, whose income is \$125,000.

Sister's Band to Raise \$1,000 for Ashland College.

Sue C. Rippeto 1.00 Kate Rippeto 1.00 Maggie Rippeto 1.00

THE OLD TESTAMENT STUDENT seems determined that the matter of Bible-study in the Theological Seminaries shall be thoroughly ventilated. The May number follows up the points made in the March and April issues with the views of Drs. H. M. Dexter, Isaac Errett, Bishop Fallows, O. P. Gifford, R. Heber Newton, E. C. Robinson, A. J. Rowland, W. M. Taylor, H. L. Wayland, and W. C. Wilkinson. In addition to this "Symposium," are two valuable articles in the Biblical Creation, and on The Book of Kings in Modern Criticism, by Drs. M. S. Terry and G. H. Schodde, respectively. The Student presents a view of the current Sunday-school lessons from the Old Testament stand-point, by the pen of Prof. Willis J. Beechure of Auburn. An exceedingly valuable feature of this and other late issues is the series of "Book-Studies" on First and Second Samuel by the editor, Dr. Harper. These papers furnish help of a most practical kind to the hosts of men and women everywhere who are trying to acquire the best methods of studying the Bible. The Customary Book-Reviews and synopsis of Current Old Testament Literature follow. Chicago: The Old Testament Student. \$1.00 a year. Wm. R. Harper, Ph. D., editor. P. O. Address, Morgan Park, Ill.

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